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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

SILVERBROOK ET AL.

Examiner

LAM S. NGUYEN

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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***ELECTION RESTRICTION***

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Invention drawn to a dryer for drying printed wallpaper web associates to claims 2, 19, 36, and 43, classified in class 347, subclass 102.
- II. Invention drawn to a printhead in a printhead assembly including nozzles for ejecting ink drops to form images on wallpaper associates to claims 21-30, and 47, classified in class 347, subclass 54.
- III. Invention drawn to a media cartridge for deploying a roll of blank wallpaper associates to claims 10 and 32, classified in class 400, subclass 617.
- IV. Invention drawn to a slitting mechanism for cutting a wallpaper web associates to claims 4, 20, and 35, classified in class 242, subclass 530.1.
- V. Invention drawn to a transverse cutting mechanism for dividing a wallpaper web associates to claims 3 and 34, classified in class 347, subclass 157.
- VI. Invention drawn to capping and blotting device for sealing printhead associates to claims 14-15, classified in class 347, subclass 29.
- VII. Invention drawn to a well or a consumer tote for winding roll of wallpaper associates with claims 6, 9, 33, and 46, classified in class 400, subclass 691.
- VIII. Invention drawn to a touchscreen video display for displaying information about wallpaper associates with claims 7-8, classified in class 463, subclass 6.
- IX. Invention drawn to a rail on which the printhead is slided associates to claims 11, and 16, classified in class 347, subclass 104.

Inventions I-IX are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, each subcombination as clearly shown above does not “overlap in scope and are not obvious variants” and having separate utility; for example, such dryer can be used for drying printed newspaper or fabric, or produced plastic film, such printhead can be used to form a pattern in manufacturing a color filter, such media cartridge and slitting mechanism can be used in cutting and sorting paper or fabric manufacture, such well or consumer tote can be used for winding roll of plastic film, and such video display can be used as means for customer interface with a bank system. See MPEP § 806.05(d). Claims 1, 5, 12, 13, 17-18, 31, 37-42, 44-45, and 48-49 are generic.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their different classification and their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species/subcombinations which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species/subcombination. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a single subcombination to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM S. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-2151. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, STEPHEN D. MEIER can be reached on (571)272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lam Nguyen', written in a cursive style.

LAM NGUYEN